

801.255 “Driving privilege.” “Driving privilege” means the grant of authority by a jurisdiction to a person that allows that person to drive a vehicle on highways within that jurisdiction. Driving privileges grant authority to a person not to a vehicle. The driving privilege includes any such grant of authority whether or not documents are issued as evidence of the authority. In this state, driving privileges may be granted under:

- (1) A license as defined under ORS 801.207 and 801.245.
- (2) Driver permits as described in ORS 801.250.
- (3) The driving privileges established under ORS 807.020.
- (4) Any endorsement of a license or driver permit or limitations on a license or driver permit that allows a person to operate a motor vehicle. [1983 c.338 §42; 1989 c.636 §8; 2003 c.14 §458]

801.360 “Motor vehicle.” “Motor vehicle” means a vehicle that is self-propelled or designed for self-propulsion. [1983 c.338 §62]

Note: If the operator’s privilege to drive is suspended or they are not otherwise eligible to obtain a drivers license, they can not legally operate ANY motor vehicle on premises open to the public. A motor assisted scooter is a motor vehicle although it is not required to be registered or insured under Oregon Law.

A driver’s license is not required to operate a motor assisted scooter but eligibility for grant of authority is required.

801.258 “Electric assisted bicycle.” “Electric assisted bicycle” means a vehicle that:

- (1) Is designed to be operated on the ground on wheels;
- (2) Has a seat or saddle for use of the rider;
- (3) Is designed to travel with not more than three wheels in contact with the ground;
- (4) Has both fully operative pedals for human propulsion and an electric motor; and
- (5) Is equipped with an electric motor that:
 - (a) Has a power output of not more than 1,000 watts; and
 - (b) Is incapable of propelling the vehicle at a speed of greater than 20 miles per hour on level ground. [1997 c.400 §2; 1999 c.59 §233]

Note: An Electric Assisted bicycle is a Motor Vehicle



801.259 “Electric personal assistive mobility device.” “Electric personal assistive mobility device” means a device that:

- (1) Is self-balancing on two nontandem wheels;
- (2) Is designed to transport one person in a standing position;
- (3) Has an electric propulsion system; and
- (4) Has a maximum speed of 15 miles per hour. [2003 c.341 §2]

Note: An Electric personal assistive mobility device is a motor vehicle



801.345 “Moped.” “Moped” means a vehicle, including any bicycle equipped with a power source, other than an electric assisted bicycle as defined in ORS 801.258 or a motor assisted scooter as defined in ORS 801.348, that complies with all of the following:

- (1) It is designed to be operated on the ground upon wheels.
- (2) It has a seat or saddle for use of the rider.
- (3) It is designed to travel with not more than three wheels in contact with the ground.
- (4) It is equipped with an independent power source that:
 - (a) Is capable of propelling the vehicle, unassisted, at a speed of not more than 30 miles per hour on a level road surface; and
 - (b) If the power source is a combustion engine, has a piston or rotor displacement of 35.01 to 50 cubic centimeters regardless of the number of chambers in the power source.
- (5) It is equipped with a power drive system that functions directly or automatically only and does not require clutching or shifting by the operator after the system is engaged. [1983 c.338 §59; 1985 c.16 §19; 1997 c.400 §5; 2001 c.749 §25]

Note: A Moped is a motor vehicle and requires a Drivers License, Registration and Insurance to operate on public roads.



801.348 “Motor assisted scooter.” “Motor assisted scooter” means a vehicle that:

- (1) Is designed to be operated on the ground with not more than three wheels;
- (2) Has handlebars and a foot support or seat for the operator’s use;
- (3) Can be propelled by motor or human propulsion; and
- (4) Is equipped with a power source that is incapable of propelling the vehicle at a speed of greater than 24 miles per hour on level ground and:

(a) If the power source is a combustion engine, has a piston or rotor displacement of 35 cubic centimeters or less regardless of the number of chambers in the power source; or

(b) If the power source is electric, has a power output of not more than 1,000 watts. [2001 c.749 §2]

Note: A Motor Assisted Scooter is a motor vehicle.



Note on items not included in descriptions above:



Most “Mini- Motorcycles” or “Pocket Bikes” do not fit into the same category as motor-assisted scooters.

If they have a combustion engine over 35 cc’s and travel faster than 24 miles per hour they should be considered a moped or a motorcycle (which must be titled, registered and insured to operate on Oregon roads). These vehicles are not manufactured to operate on the roads and are not equipped to meet US DOT safety standards. Manufacturers of the vehicles do not provide Manufacturer’s certificate of origin or standardized 17 digit vin’s.

Unless proof is provided to show these vehicles meet the US DOT equipment and safety standards, they cannot be titled and registered and **should not** be operated on roads or highways. These are off-road use only vehicles.

801.365 “Motorcycle.” “Motorcycle” means any self-propelled vehicle other than a moped or farm tractor that:

- (1) Has a seat or saddle for use of the rider;
 - (2) Is designed to be operated on the ground upon wheels; and
 - (3) Is designed to travel with not more than three wheels in contact with the ground.
- [1983 c.338 §63]